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South Main Street Project Set to Begin

Harrisonburg, VA – The City of Harrisonburg has partnered with James Madison University (JMU) to enhance the safety in front of campus, along South Main Street.

Beginning next week, Partners Excavating of Harrisonburg will begin constructing a raised median on South Main Street, from Grace Street to Bluestone Drive.

This project will include the following:

- A raised median in the center turn lane
- Decorative fencing on the median
- Landscaping
- Reconstruction of the sidewalk in front of Anthony-Seeger Hall to move it closer to the building
- Repaving Main Street in this project area

"We hope the construction of this project has little impact on motorists in the community," said Drew Williams, Assistant Director of Public Works. "While this might cause a temporary inconvenience, the end result of this portion of roadway being safer for pedestrians is immeasurable."

Throughout the duration of construction, the center turn lane along Main Street, from Grace Street to Bluestone Drive, will be closed to all traffic. The sidewalk in front of Anthony-Seeger Hall will be closed while it is being reconstructed.

The cost of this project is \$307,000 and is anticipated to be complete by the middle of August. This project is being funded through JMU.

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to approximately 50,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.